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of the

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for the

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31st D E C E M B E R, 1 9 4 8.

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OAKHAM RURAL DISTRICT COUNCIL.

A N N U A L R E P O R T

of the

MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH

1 9 4 8

Mr. Chairman, My Lord, Ladies & Gentlemen,

In accordance with the instructions of the Ministry of Health, I deal briefly in this report with matters within my responsibility regarding public health and preventive medicine:-

GENERAL STATISTICS

Area (in acres) ... ..	52,551.
Registrar General's estimate of population	6,770.
Number of inhabited houses ... ..	1,959.
Rateable Value ... ..	£44,318
Sum represented by a penny rate ... ..	£178.12.11.

VITAL STATISTICS

	<u>Males</u>	<u>Females</u>	<u>Total</u>
Live Births - Legitimate	69	63	132
Illegitimate	4	5	9
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	73	68	141
	=====	=====	=====
Still Births - Legitimate	1	1	2
Illegitimate	-	-	-
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	1	1	2
	=====	=====	=====

Rate for District

Rate for  
England & Wales

Birth Rate	20.9	19.2
Death Rate	9.01	10.7
Infant Mortality Rate per 1,000 live births	64	32

CAUSES OF DEATH

	<u>Males</u>	<u>Females</u>
Whooping Cough	-	1
Tuberculosis of respiratory system	-	2
Other forms of tuberculosis	-	1
Cancer of the uterus	-	1
Cancer of stomach and duodenum	3	-
Cancer of all other sites	3	2
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Cd. fwd.	6	7
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Causes of Death (continued)	Males.	Females.
Bt. Fwd.	6	7
Diabetes	-	1
Intracranial vascular lesions	7	5
Heart diseases	4	6
Other diseases of circulatory system	2	1
Bronchitis	2	-
Pneumonia	3	2
Other digestive disorders	1	-
Nephritis	1	-
Premature birth	1	-
Congenital malformation: birth injury: infant diseases.	1	3
Suicide	1	-
Road traffic accident	2	-
Other violent causes	-	1
All other causes	2	2
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	33	28
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#### GENERAL PROVISION OF HEALTH SERVICES FOR THE AREA.

##### 1. PUBLIC HEALTH OFFICERS OF THE AUTHORITY.

Medical Officer of Health - J. Young, M.B.Ch.B., D.P.H. Camb.  
The Medical Officer of Health acts for Leicestershire & Rutland Combined Districts in which this District is included.

Sanitary Inspector - G.E. Wells, Royal Sanitary Institute and Sanitary Inspector's Examination; Royal Sanitary Institute, Meat and Other Foods and Certificates General Hygiene and Sanitary Engineering.  
The Sanitary Inspector is also the Surveyor of the Rural District.

##### 2. LABORATORY FACILITIES.

The following examinations from your area were carried out during the year at the Emergency Public Health Laboratory, Leicester:-

Blood	...	...	...	...	30
Throat swab	...	...	...	...	57
Ear swab	...	...	...	...	9
Nose swab	...	...	...	...	2
Sputum	...	...	...	...	20
Discharge from wound			...	...	1
Pus from abscess	...	...	...	...	1
Swab from breast abscess	...	...	...	...	2
Pus	...	...	...	...	2
Cerebrospinal fluid	...	...	...	...	2
Conjunctival swab	...	...	...	...	1
Vaginal swab	...	...	...	...	5
Catheter Urine	...	...	...	...	1
Cervical smear	...	...	...	...	1
Faeces	...	...	...	...	46
Urine	...	...	...	...	2





## SANITARY CIRCUMSTANCES OF THE AREA

### 1. WATER.

Number of samples taken for analysis:-

(a)	from wells	...	...	...	25
(b)	from pipe supply	...	...	...	19

Results from samples taken:-

(a)	from wells -	Satisfactory	6
		Unsatisfactory	19
(b)	from pipe supply	Satisfactory	19
		Unsatisfactory	Nil

Number of wells:

(a)	closed	...	...	...	Nil
(b)	cleansed, repaired, etc.				6

Number of cases in which piped supply was provided	...	...	...	34
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Number of Parishes with piped water supply:-

(a)	from public mains	...	6
(b)	from private reservoirs	..	9

Number of Parishes without a piped water supply 13

The general position with regard to Water Supplies in the District is very much the same as that set out in the Report for 1947. Shortage was again reported from the parishes of Whissendine, Teigh, Manton and Cottesmore, but at Greetham the trouble did not recur, and it is hoped to carry out some extensions of the supply pipes in that village very shortly. At Manton repairs were effected to the pumping machinery during the early part of 1948, but difficulty is still being experienced in maintaining a full-time supply owing to shortage of water in the bore. The Council's Engineers still have this matter in hand.

At Whissendine, the difficulties experienced with the supply in previous summer and autumn months again became apparent during 1948, and in August a Local Inquiry was held by one of the Ministry's Engineers with a view to augmenting the supply to Whissendine, and providing water for the nearby village of Teigh. The Ministry have since given approval to the proposals.

Further complaints were received concerning shortage of water at Cottesmore, and the piped supply for the village of Edith Weston has not materialised so far.

During the year 19 samples of water were taken from the piped supplies in the District and in every case have proved satisfactory. In the case of some of the private wells, it was necessary to have these cleaned out to provide a wholesome supply. Examination was made of water from one source of supply where plumbo-solvency was suspected, but it was found that this particular trouble did not exist.





## WATER (Continued).

Particulars of the supplies to the villages where the Oakham Rural District has water undertakings are as follows:-

	<u>Piped to</u> <u>Houses.</u>	<u>Houses supplied</u> <u>from stand-pipes.</u>	<u>Farm</u> <u>supplies.</u>
Empingham	85	57	12
Manton	38	39	2
Market Overton	46	58	7
Barrow	7	10	2
Whissendine	76	85	-
Greetham	-	120	-
	252	369	23

## 2. DRAINAGE AND SEWERAGE.

Number of cesspools constructed during the year	5
Number of cesspools abolished during the year	Nil
Total number on 31st December, 1948 ... ..	353

### Sewerage.

Attention was given and repairs carried out to existing sewers in Market Overton, Manton and Ashwell, and other villages during the course of 1948.

Sewage Disposal. At Whissendine it was necessary to carry out general repairs to the sewerage works to ensure more effective treatment of sewage discharged there.

Periodical attention to minor defects at the various Sewage Works has also been given when occasion demanded.

## 3. CLOSET ACCOMMODATION.

Total number in the District at the end of 1948:-

Privies ... ..	25
Pail Closets ... ..	1524
Water Closets ... ..	387

Number of closets converted to the water carriage system during the year:-

Privies ... ..	Nil
Pails ... ..	5

Number of privies converted to pail closets during the year ... .. 2

## 4. PUBLIC CLEANSING.

Ten of the villages in the District - Cottesmore, Exton, Empingham, Edith Weston, Langham, Market Overton, Greetham, Tickencote, Manton and Whitwell, are now provided with a weekly collection of refuse carried out by the Contractors on behalf of the Council, and a fortnightly collection is also provided at Barleythorpe and Braunston. A partial removal is provided for Ashwell, Barrow, Whissendine, Braunston, Hambleton and Gunthorpe.



#### 4. PUBLIC CLEANSING (Continued).

The first-named ten villages are provided with a weekly scavenging system of night-soil carried out by Contractors on behalf of the Council. Cesspools at Empingham are emptied by contract.

#### 5. SANITARY INSPECTION OF THE AREA.

The particulars given under this Heading are for all purposes including particulars given elsewhere in this Report:-

Total number of complaints received	...	...	362
Total number of defects or nuisances discovered			336

<u>Nature of Inspections</u>			<u>Inspections.</u>	<u>Re-visits.</u>
Dwelling Houses	...	...	484	421
Tents, Vans, etc.	...	...	5	6
Slaughter houses	...	...	9	-
Dairies and cowsheds	...	...	42	60
Offensive trades	...	...	-	-
Animal keeping	...	...	11	21
Workshops, etc.	...	...	19	22
Shops	...	...	26	18
Other premises	...	...	495	623
			<u>1091</u>	<u>1171</u>

The Sanitary Inspector made 695 visits to the various parishes of the District. In addition 20 visits were made outside the District.

#### NOTICES

<u>Preliminary</u>	<u>Housing</u>	<u>Other.</u>
Outstanding 1st January	9	1
Issued during the year	253	36
Complied with during year	256	36
Statutory action necessary	5	Nil
Outstanding 31st December	3	1
<u>Statutory</u>		
Outstanding on 1st January	20	1
Issued during year	5	Nil
Complied with during year	7	1
Statutory action necessary	-	-
Outstanding 31st December	18	Nil

#### 6. SHOPS.

Action taken during the year under the Provisions of the Shops Act, 1934:-

	<u>Outstanding from</u> <u>Previous Year</u>	<u>Defects</u> <u>Found.</u>	<u>Defects</u> <u>Remedied</u>	<u>Outstanding</u> <u>31st Dec.</u>
Sanitary	-	2	2	-
Conveniences	-	-	-	-
Temperature	-	-	-	-
Ventilation	-	-	-	-





## 7. CAMPING SITES.

Number of sites in the area used for camping purposes during the year ... 4  
Number of camping sites for which licences have been issued ... 1  
Estimated maximum number of campers resident in the area during Summer months ... 15  
This figure does not include the campers resident in various officially organised Agricultural and Services Camps in the District.

## 8. REGULATED BUILDINGS.

	<u>Number in District</u>	<u>Number of Inspections</u>	<u>Action taken</u>	<u>General Conditions</u>
Tents, Vans, Sheds, etc.	5	11	Notice to remove occupied Vans given.	One. Unsatisfactory factory

The removal of all but one of the occupied vans situated in the District was effected during the course of the year without resort to legal proceedings. In the case of the other van the matter of its further use is still under consideration by the Council.

## H O U S I N G

### 1. INSPECTION OF DWELLING HOUSES DURING THE YEAR.

- (i) (a) Total number of dwelling houses inspected for housing defects (under the Public Health or Housing Acts) ... 484
- (b) Number of inspections made for the purpose 905
- (ii) Number of dwelling houses (included under sub-head (i) above) which were inspected and recorded under the Housing Consolidated Regulations, 1925 and 1932 and Housing Survey 5
- (iii) Number of dwelling houses found to be in a state so dangerous or injurious to health as to be unfit for human habitation or scheduled for future condemnation under the Housing Survey 4
- (iv) Number of dwelling houses exclusive of those referred to under the preceding sub-head found not to be in all respects reasonably fit for human habitation 253

Following consultation with the Ministry of Health at Nottingham, Statutory Notices under the Public Health Acts were served upon unauthorised occupiers of two buildings used as dwelling houses in the District, where living conditions were found to be unsatisfactory, and in both cases the premises were subsequently vacated, one occupier and his family later being accommodated in a Council House.

During the first half of 1948 the first two blocks of four permanent Council Houses, each erected under the post-war Housing programme, at Whissendine and Market Overton, were finished and occupied, and later in the year sixteen houses of the Airey type at Empingham were also completed. At the end of the year a further twelve houses at Whissendine, four at Braunston and four at Empingham were in course of construction for the Council. Eight other new houses for various private owners were also occupied during 1948.



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## 2. REMEDY OF DEFECTS DURING THE YEAR /WITHOUT SERVICE OF FORMAL NOTICE

Number of defective dwelling houses rendered fit in consequence of informal action by the Local Authority or their Officers ... .. 253

## 3. ACTION UNDER STATUTORY POWERS DURING THE YEAR:-

(i) Number of dwelling houses which were rendered fit after service of formal notice under Housing Acts:-

(a)	by owners	... ..	1
(b)	by Council (in default of owners carrying out works)	... ..	Nil

(ii) Proceedings under Public Health Acts:-

(a)	Number of dwelling houses in respect of which Notices were served requiring defects to be remedied	... ..	4
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(b)	Number of dwelling houses in which defects were remedied after service of formal notice:-		4
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	By Owners	... ..	4
	By Council	... ..	Nil

(iii) Proceedings under Section 11 and 13 of the Housing Act, 1936:-

	Number of dwelling houses demolished in pursuance of the Demolition Orders	...	2
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## 4. HOUSING ACT, PART IV, OVERCROWDING.

(i)	(a)	Number of dwellings overcrowded at the end of the year	... ..	19
	(b)	Number of families dwelling therein	...	21
	(c)	Number of persons dwelling therein	...	130

(ii)	Number of cases of overcrowding reported during the year	... ..	Nil
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(iii)	Number of cases of overcrowding relieved during the year	... ..	6
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(iv)	Number of persons concerned in such cases	...	32
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## INSPECTION AND SUPERVISION OF FOOD.

### 1. MILK.

	<u>Cowkeepers.</u>	<u>Dairymen or Purveyors of Milk (Other than Cowkeepers.)</u>
Number on Register	156	6
Number of inspections of premises	93	9
Number of contraventions outstanding from previous year	2	-
Number of contraventions found during the year	23	1
Number of contraventions remedied during the year	25	1
Number of contraventions outstanding 31st December, 1948	Nil	-

During the year 42 samples of milk were taken for analysis.

1870

1871

1872

1873

1874

1875

1876

1877

1878

1879

1880

1881

1882

1883

1884

1885

Total Contraventions.

	<u>Outstanding</u> <u>from previous</u> <u>Year.</u>	<u>Found during</u> <u>Year.</u>	<u>Remedied</u> <u>during</u> <u>Year.</u>	<u>Outstanding</u> <u>31st Dec.</u>
Cleansing	-	6	6	-
Structural				
Alterations	2	17	19	-
Utensils	-	1	1	-
Other	-	-	-	-

2. MEAT AND OTHER FOODS.

Private Slaughter Houses:-

In Jan. 1948. In Dec. 1948.

Number registered	...	...	-	-
Number licensed	...	...	10	9
Number of visits to premises other than at times of slaughter	...	...		9

3. MEAT SHOPS, MEAT STORES, ETC. 7 Inspections were made.

4. PLACES WHERE FOOD OTHER THAN MEAT IS KEPT OR PREPARED FOR SALE.

30 Inspections were made.

PREVALENCE OF, AND CONTROL OVER, INFECTIOUS AND OTHER DISEASES

<u>Disease.</u>	<u>Total cases</u> <u>notified</u>	<u>Cases admitted</u> <u>to Hospital</u>	<u>Total</u> <u>Deaths.</u>
Scarlet Fever	4	2	-
Dysentery	1	-	-
Anterior Poliomyelitis	1	1	-
Pneumonia	3	-	5
Erysipelas	2	1	-
Measles	22	-	-
Whooping Cough	16	-	1

The Scarlet Fever cases were of the usual mild type which is prevalent nowadays.

AGE GROUPS.

Disease	Under 1	1 2	2 3	3 4	4 5	5 10	10 15	15 20	20 35	35 45	45 65	65 and over
Scarlet Fever	-	-	-	-	-	1	1	-	-	-	2	-
Dysentery	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-
Anterior Poliomyelitis	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-
Pneumonia	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	1	1	-	-
Erysipelas	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	1	-
Measles	-	-	3	2	3	12	2	-	-	-	-	-
Whooping Cough	-	-	2	-	3	9	2	-	-	-	-	-





# T U B E R C U L O S I S

## New Cases & Mortality during 1948.

AGE GROUPS	New Cases				Deaths			
	Pulmonary		Non-pulmonary		Pulmonary		Non- PuI.	
	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F
5 - 15	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-
15 - 25	-	2	-	-	-	1	-	1
25 - 35	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
35 - 45	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-
45 - 65	1	-	-	-	-	1	-	-

One of these cases was notified from the R.A.F.

# S C A B I E S

Two cases of scabies were treated under the existing agreement with Melton & Belvoir Rural District Council and Melton Mowbray Urban District Council, and arrangements have now been made with the Regional Hospital Board for the future treatment of cases where necessary.

I have the honour to be,

Your obedient servant,

JOHN YOUNG.

Medical Officer of Health.

10, High Street,  
Melton Mowbray.

